

James Smith – Eastham Land Records 1650-1745

James was the son of Daniel Smith and Mary (Young) Smith and the grandson of Ralph Smith who arrived in Eastham about 1654. James was born in 1685. He married Hannah Rogers in 1713. He does not appear in the Eastham death records.

1711

Granted to James Smith, Daniel Smith Jr., Ebenezer Atwood, John Atwood, Joshua Atwood and Samuel Doane in joint and equal partnership the twenty-third lot out of twenty-four lots on Great Island at Billingsgate. The lot dimensions given in the record were not complete. The lot probably was about six or seven acres like most of the other lots on Great Island. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T90.

Granted to James Smith and Daniel Smith Jr. and their heirs about eight acres of land on the northern side of the Boat Meadow. Gates suitable for carts to pass were required. Also granted was about one-half acre on the easterly side of the other land and next to meadow of Henry Atkins. Bounds were indicated by stones. PDF T128.

Granted to James Smith and his heirs about six acres for his wood lot northward of the Second Brook and on the northerly side of the wood lot of Daniel Smith Jr. Bounds were indicated by marked trees. PDF T177.

1715

Granted to James Smith and his heirs two parcels of land. One parcel was about fifteen acres north of land and the house of Daniel Smith Jr. and near the harbor. The other parcel was about five acres above the Slough and next to land of John Mulford. Bounds were indicated by stones and marked trees. PDF T228.

Granted to James Smith and his heirs a wood lot on the northerly side of the wood lot of Daniel Smith Jr. and near the cartway which came from the house of James Robins. The James Smith wood lot ran north sixteen pole and ran due east to the Backside Sea. Most of these wood lots which ran east to the Backside Sea were about one mile long which would make this wood lot about thirty-two acres. Bounds of these wood lots were indicated by stakes and marked trees. PDF T265.

The Eastham land owned by Daniel Smith Jr. or granted in his name to his heirs described in these records amounts to about sixty acres. By 1745 twenty-five more Smiths received Eastham land grants.